Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, We honor the courage, tenacity, and innovation of the small business men and women of the state of South Dakota during Small Business Week. Their dedication and entrepreneurial spirit keep the American dream alive and the American economy growing stronger; and,

Whereas, Small businesses are the very heart of the economy of South Dakota. Two-thirds of all new jobs in our country are created by small businesses. Daily, small businesses drive innovation, redefine excellence, and start new paths to prosperity; and,

Whereas, As our nation's economy continues to grow stronger, we must encourage the spirit of enterprise and create an environment where entrepreneurs can flourish. We are committed to lowering the cost of doing business and promoting economic growth by making tax relief permanent; reducing regulation and paperwork requirements; making our country less dependent on foreign sources of energy; expanding trade and leveling the playing field; protecting small businesses owners and workers from frivolous lawsuits; and lowering the cost of health care; and,

Whereas, I ask all citizens of South Dakota to recognize our small business owners and workers for their contributions to our state's prosperity and for reflecting the true entrepreneurial spirit of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon citizens to observe this week and celebrate the achievements of small business owners and their employees and encourage and foster the development of new small businesses.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State